PUBLIC NOTICE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED REMEDIAL OBJECTIVES FOR THE TONTO AND CHERRY WOARF REGISTRY SITE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the State of Arizona, ex rel., Steven A. Owens, Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has completed the proposed remedial objectives (RO) report for the Tonto and Cherry WQARF Site in Payson, Arizona (A.A.C. R18-16-404(C)(1)(c)). Proposed ROs are identified to consider the current and reasonably foreseeable uses of land and waters of the state as determined during the public meeting and public comment period for the draft remedial investigation (RI) report.

The Tonto and Cherry WQARF Site is bounded approximately 150 feet from Colcord Road just north of Frontier street. The site boundary is a northwest-trending oval from the intersection of Colcord road and Frontier Street. The site boundaries provide the estimated extent of currently known contamination.

The Tonto and Cherry WQARF Site was placed on the WQARF Registry in 2000 with a score of 45 out of a possible 120 points. The scoring of a site, its relative score, or its placement on the Registry does not necessarily represent a determination that the release of a hazardous substance from the site poses a threat to human health or welfare of the environment.

After the 30-day public comment period for the proposed RO report has expired, ADEQ will prepare and provide notice of the availability of the final RI report. The final RI report will contain data gathered during the RI, the final RO report, and any responsiveness summaries compiled to address comments, issues or concerns raised in the community involvement process.

A copy of the proposed RO report is available at the Payson Public Library located at 328 North McLane Road in Payson, (928) 474-9260. A copy is also available at the ADEQ office located at 1110 W. Washington Street in Phoenix, (602) 771-4380. Files are available for review Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

PARTIES WISHING TO MAKE COMMENTS or to request a public meeting regarding the proposed RO report must make such comments in writing to ADEQ, Attention: Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator, 1110 W. Washington Street, 4th Floor, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 and reference this listing. Such comments must be postmarked to ADEQ by 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated this day of Steven A. Owens, Director Arizona Department of Environmental Quality